

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application Number : (unassigned)  
Applicant : KRÄMER et al.  
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Tech Cntr/AU : (unassigned)  
Examiner : (unassigned)  
Entitled : PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF L-3,4-  
DIHYDROXYPHENYLALANINE BY AEROBIC  
FERMENTATION OF A MICROORGANISM

Attorney Reference : 121640-05016162  
Customer Number : 43569

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification;
- Amendments to the Claims with a complete claim listing; and
- Remarks and arguments.